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Testimony in opposition to:

House Bill No. 5940 AN ACT CONCERNING SIGNS PROHIBITING "JAKE-BRAKING" and

House Bill No. 5951 AN ACT CONCERNING JAKE BRAKES.

Submitted by: Henry N. Talmage, Executive Director, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association *the following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.*

Senator Andrew Maynard, Representative Antonio Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the nearly 5,000 members of The Connecticut Farm Bureau I wish to express our opposition to House Bill No. 5940 AN ACT CONCERNING SIGNS PROHIBITING "JAKE-BRAKING" and House Bill No. 5951 AN ACT CONCERNING JAKE BRAKES.

Heavy trucks are an indispensable part of Connecticut's farms and agricultural enterprises. The use of Jake brakes or compression release engine brakes allow the truck driver to maintain a rate of speed or slow the vehicle down with little or no use of the service brakes. This helps reduce overheating of the service brake system and reduces wear and tear on the brake system components. The use of Jake brakes allow heavy agricultural trucks to safely operate on Connecticut highways.